

19 JAN 2000

Mr Graeme Charles  
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Dear Mr Charles

**Proposals for Amendment of Business Affairs Legislation**

Please find enclosed for your information a paper setting out proposals for amendment to the Business Names Act 1962, the Co-operatives Act 1996, the Partnership Act 1958 and the Association Incorporation Act 1981.

The paper sets out a number of reform measures including changing the test for the registration of a business name or a name of an incorporated association from the current similar names test to an identical names test, and proposals to enable electronic lodgement of documents with the Office of Fair Trading and Business Affairs.

These proposals do not represent Government policy at this stage and should be treated as confidential to your members. They are being forwarded to you for information and to seek your comments. I would be grateful if you could forward any comments you may have on these proposals to me by ~~Thursday~~ <sup>Friday</sup> 28 January 2000. If you wish to discuss any of the proposals directly with an officer, the contact persons in the Office are Mr Kerin Turner who can be contacted on 9627 6093 or Ms Yvonne Han who can be contacted on 9627 6101.

Yours sincerely

JANE REYNOLDS  
Director

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